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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 24**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**Earlene Roberts**

**A MEMORIAL**

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PATRICK K. HARDESTY.**

**WHEREAS, Patrick K. Hardesty was born in Artesia, New Mexico, on March 16, 1963 to Robert and Mickey Hardesty, who now live in Timberon, New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, he was valedictorian of the Artesia high school class of 1981; and**

**WHEREAS, during his senior year of high school, he was eagle scout of the year. His eagle project consisted of organizing a fundraising marathon for the march of dimes. He convinced local businesses and other organizations to sponsor teams to run in the marathon, each team member running one mile and passing a baton to the next runner. It was strictly a coincidence that troop 228's team consisted entirely of the high school and Park junior high track teams, so that boy scout**

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1 troop 228 won the event and received lots of publicity; and

2 WHEREAS, he participated in boys state in 1980, but his  
3 greatest pride in high school came from his participation in  
4 the Artesia high school bulldog band, where he was a section  
5 leader, made New Mexico all-state symphonic band and played  
6 French horn in concert season and valve trombone during  
7 marching season; and

8 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States marine corps,  
9 which recognized his leadership ability and sent him to college  
10 at the university of Arizona in Tucson. After receiving his  
11 degree, he attended officer candidate school and received his  
12 commission. During his time with the corps, he was stationed  
13 in Okinawa, Japan; New Quay, England; and locations in the  
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, while serving in the marine corps in Milwaukee,  
16 Wisconsin, he spent much of his leave as a volunteer officer  
17 with the Tucson police department. When he retired from the  
18 marines at age thirty-eight, he had already built up several  
19 years of seniority with the Tucson police department. He  
20 retired from the marines on a Friday, and on Monday morning he  
21 began his full-time career as an officer in Tucson; and

22 WHEREAS, he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a  
23 licensed pilot; and

24 WHEREAS, in May 2003, Patrick was shot and killed while  
25 chasing a suspect on foot; and

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